8/1/72 Howard, Our recent flaps have had much to do with what can be expected of the press and of my ability to judge it correctly, among other things.

It is in this sense that I attach a paragraph from a letter from a friend who I believe is unknown to you, an experience reporter who probably has a better knowledge of the subject than any other reporter. Moreover, he has been interested in the subject from the beginning and therefore is in an even better position than his extensive experience alone would permit to offer a dependable opinion.

You will see how close it is to what I have long been saying, and in extension, I think you will also find some justification for my opinion that on relatively minor matters silence is the course of wisdom today.

This is not intended as a forecast of what will at any time happen. It is, rather, a means of saying that as best we can anticipate, experience and independent judgement confirms me.

By the way, I sent him those two things you sent me from the NYRevieu. He was glad to have them.

As of today, no file from Jerry (and no relevant new letters).

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